4 of the Indian Penal Code and the police is further investigating the case.

Statement of Nepal's Prime Minister Shri K. P. Bhattarai on Trade and Transit Treaty

847. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is Government's reaction to the Nepal's Prime Minister Mr. K. P. Bhattarai's statement calling for restoration of status-quo-ante about trade and transit and negotiations to work out new arrangements as also the need for revision of the treaty between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): Government attach priority to the resolution of all outstanding problems with Nepal through friendly and comprehensive negotiations, so as to restore the traditional relationship between India and Nepal in its entirely and to strengthen it further. Given the existing godwill on both sides and the understanding of each other's needs and concerns, we are optimistic about working out a mutually acceptable solution to all such outstanding issue between us.

Sabotage in Railways and Road Tansport

848. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sabotage activities in the railways and road transport have been occuring in greater frequency since the last one month; and

(b) if so, what firm action Government propose to take against these terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) There have been some incidents of bomb explosions in the trains and roadways buses recently. The State Governments concerned are taking necessary steps to prevent the recurrence of such mishaps. The Central Government is also extending all possible assistance as and when required. Delhi Transport Corporation has prescribed a drill for preventing incidents of bomb explosions in its buses. All the States/UTs have been asked to take similar steps.

Discussion with Bangladesh on Joint River Commission

849. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Bangladesh the question of reviewing the Joint River Commission came up for discussion;

(b) if so, what decision was taken in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) It was agreed that the Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) be reactivated.

(c) A meeting of the JRC at the ministerial level was held in New Delhi from 18 to 19 April, 1990;